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Mrs. J. W. Gibb  
Janesville History Club  
Janesville, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Gibb:

Thank you for your letter of May 3 inviting me to address the Janesville History Club at one of its fall meetings.

It is with sincere regret that I must decline your kind invitation. Unfortunately, official obligations require me to address numerous service schools and other Government groups. This necessitates eliminating many outside engagements in which I would otherwise enjoy participating. Also, as you can well understand, the very fact that I am Director of Central Intelligence often makes it difficult and inappropriate for me to make public statements along the lines that I am sure your group would like to hear.

It is with decided reluctance therefore that I must say that I will be unable to meet with your group but I do want to take this opportunity to wish the Janesville History Club every success.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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